

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

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(Conference information subject to change pending presenter confirmation.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2004

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Registration

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Pre-conference Workshops and Meetings

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Registration

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Exhibit Hall Open

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

National Anthem sung by Mr. Wintley Phipps, U.S. Dream Academy,
Baltimore, Maryland

Invocation by Reverend Dr. Taylor T. Thompson, St. Johns AME Church,
Cleveland, Ohio

Welcoming Remarks

Ms. Cheri Nolan, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of
Justice Programs

The Honorable Craig Tame, Chief Health and Public Safety Officer,
City of Cleveland, Ohio

Introduction of Attorney General

The Honorable Reginald Wilkinson, Director, Ohio Department of
Rehabilitation and Correction

Keynote Address

The Honorable John Ashcroft, Attorney General, U.S. Department
of Justice

Further Remarks

The Honorable Gregory A. White, U.S. Attorney, Northern District of
Ohio, U.S. Department of Justice

The Honorable Deborah J. Daniels, Assistant Attorney General, Office
of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON

Breakout Sessions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004 (cont.)

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Luncheon/Keynote Address Introduction of Keynote Speaker The Honorable Deborah J. Daniels, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice Keynote Address Mr. Wintley Phipps, U.S. Dream Academy, Baltimore, Maryland
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Presentation of the Council of State Governments Report of the Re-entry Policy Council – <i>Charting the Safe and Successful Return of Prisoners to the Community</i> Ms. Elizabeth Nevins, Council of State Governments Mr. Eric Seleznow, Montgomery County Division of Workforce Investment Services Dr. John Shaffer, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Breakout Sessions

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration
7:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Plenary Session The Honorable Alphonso Jackson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Mr. John Jeffries, Former Director, National H.I.R.E. Network Ms. Beverly Watts Davis, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON	Breakout Sessions

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2004 (cont.)

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Luncheon/Keynote Address A Bird's Eye View: Mapping Reentry to Inform Policy and Practice Ms. Nancy LaVigne, Research Associate, Urban Institute
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Introduction of Panel Mr. Terrence Donahue, Special Assistant, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice "Special Session: Returning Offenders' Contribution to Violent Crime, A State Survey" Dr. Richard Rosenfeld, Professor, University of British Columbia Dr. Robert Hare, Professor Emeritus, University of Missouri – St. Louis
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Site Visits to Area Programs (Pre-registrants only)
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Breakout Sessions
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Reception – <i>Renaissance Cleveland Hotel</i>
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004	
7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Registration
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004 (cont.)

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Closing Plenary

Unveiling the National Reentry Portrait: Results of the First Year Evaluation of Selected Reentry Sites

Dr. Christy Visher, Urban Institute

Success Stories Panel

Moderator, Mr. Gary Clawson

Thomas J. Jones, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Geanie Kase, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise

Gerald Miller, Delancy Street

Frank Schweickert, Delancy Street

Derrick Mitchell, Derrick's Photography

Introduction of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor

Ms. Cheri Nolan, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice
Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Closing Remarks

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2004, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Special Interest Topic: *Family and Domestic Violence: Safe Return Initiative*

Moderator: Margaret Davis, Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: Darlene Johnson, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
Lori Crowder, Vera Institute of Justice
Michael Bobbit, Vera Institute of Justice
Sheila Hawkins, Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board
William Oliver, Indiana University

Location: Ambassador Ballroom (Lobby Level, Second Floor)

Domestic violence affects all races and socioeconomic groups. The Vera Institute's Safe Return Initiative provides an innovative, interactive training tool that speaks to the complicated issue of domestic violence. This session will stress the importance of a coordinated approach to address domestic violence and reentry.

Special Interest Topic: *Performance-based Standards and Model Juvenile Programs*

Moderator: Thomas Murphy, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: Ned J. Loughran, Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators
Bob Dugan, Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators
Dennis Maloney, Balanced and Restorative Justice
David Altschuler, Juvenile Reintegration and Aftercare Center
Valerie Boykin, Juvenile Reintegration and Aftercare Center

Location: Superior Room (Lower Lobby, First Floor)

One of the keys to helping juvenile offenders succeed in their transition from incarceration to the community is to ensure that age appropriate and effective approaches are utilized. This session will examine several promising practices that are useful in assisting juvenile offenders during their critical time of reentry. Approaches discussed will include Performance-Based Standards (PBS) for Youth Correction and Detention Facilities, the Intensive Aftercare Program (IAP), and Balanced and Restorative Justice.

Special Interest Topic: *Principles and Models of Collaboration*

Moderator: Thomas Carter, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: Mimi Carter, Center for Effective Public Policy
Paul Herman, Center for Effective Public Policy
Julie Rollins, Missouri Department of Corrections

Location: Gold Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

No stakeholder can facilitate successfully the complicated and challenging reentry process independently. Numerous agencies are involved in supporting this process and all are seeking the same ends: successful offender reentry and safe communities. This session will highlight the benefits of collaboration among the agencies and disciplines that share responsibility for working with offenders being released from incarceration to the community.

Special Interest Topic: *Life Skills and Career Planning*

Moderator: John Linton, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, U.S. Department of Education

Presenters: Melissa Houston, National Institute of Corrections
Francine Carter, National Institute of Corrections
Mario Salinas, Colorado Department of Corrections
Terry Pottorff, Colorado Department of Corrections

Location: Severance Room (Conference Level, Fourth Floor)

One of the greatest challenges faced by returning offenders is their need to find and keep a job. Basic life skills, education and career planning are essential first steps for offenders reintegrating into the workforce. In this session, staff of the National Institute of Corrections, Office of Correctional Job Training and Placement, will join staff from the Colorado Department of Corrections, Community Reintegration Program, to share resources and models for life skills instruction and career planning for ex-offenders.

The Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative (SVORI) National Evaluation Meeting with Evaluation Sites ONLY (*This session is from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM*)

Presenters: Pam Lattimore, Research Triangle Institute
Christy Visser, Urban Institute

Location: Bush Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

During this session, the principal investigators for the multi-site SVORI evaluation will provide an update on the status of the national evaluation, and will present findings from the cross-site implementation assessment that included all 69 SVORI grantees. The session also will focus on the initiation of data collection for the impact evaluation, which is being conducted in 15 States.

Evaluation sites invited are:

- **Juvenile Sites**—Colorado and Florida
- **Adult Sites**—Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington
- **Adult and Juvenile Blended Sites**—Kansas, Maine, Missouri, and South Carolina

Technical Assistance Learning Lab for SVORI and Weed and Seed Grantees and Other Interested Parties: Office of Justice Programs Grant Management System (GMS), Government Performance and Results Act (Performance Measures Reporting), Financial Reporting, and Other Issues

Moderator: Robert Hendricks, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: Geroma Void, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
Michael Williams, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
Denise Christodouloupoulos, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
Kevin Cone, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Location: Grand Ballroom A (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

Accurate and ongoing information management is essential for grantees that are part of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative (SVORI) or any other Federal grant program. This session will be a review of GMS along with reporting requirements, performance measures, and fiscal management. Facilitated discussions around issues of program sustainability, lessons learned, and other critical elements that impact the successful operation of reentry strategies will be featured.

U.S. Department of Labor Grantee ONLY Meeting

Presenters: Lorenzo Harrison, Office of Youth Services, U.S. Department of Labor
Richard Morris, Office of Youth Services, U.S. Department of Labor
Gregg Weltz, Office of Youth Services, U.S. Department of Labor
Derrick Dolphin, Office of Youth Services, U.S. Department of Labor

Location: Grand Ballroom B (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

Newly awarded U.S. Department of Labor grantees are encouraged to attend a “DOL Offender Portfolio” kick-off meeting that will focus on introducing attendees to a national workforce system that provides offenders and those at risk of offending with the information, advice, job search assistance, income maintenance, and training they need to get and keep good jobs and provides employers with skilled workers. Invited attendees will hear Labor’s vision and over-arching mission in providing the service strategies needed to assist this population. Policy priorities along with core goals and expectations will also be discussed during this relationship building opportunity.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout Sessions

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BREAKOUT SESSION: Monday, September 20, 2004, 10:30 AM – 12:00 NOON

TRACK 1 — REENTRY AND ITS REALITIES FOR PRISONERS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND VICTIMS

Session 1A – Assessment Tools and Instruments

Moderator: James Austin, George Washington University

Presenters: Gary Hinzman, Iowa Department of Correctional Services
Peter Kinzinger, International Community Corrections Association
Klinton Krouse, Allen County Reentry Initiative, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Location: Severance Room (Conference Level, Fourth Floor)

The proper assessment of offenders prior to release is critical to a successful transition from prison to the community. Using effective needs and risk assessments can identify comprehensive services and supervision techniques that can be in place the moment an offender leaves prison. This session will provide an overview of current assessment tools and instruments being used with this population.

TRACK 2 — PLANNING FOR TRANSITION

Session 2A – Discharge Planning

Moderator: Mario Paparozzi, University of North Carolina-Pembroke

Presenters: Edward Rhine, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Location: Ambassador Ballroom (Lobby Level, Second Floor)

State correctional systems vary in their approach to release preparation and programming—some commencing on an offender's first day of incarceration while other programs and planning begin 90 days to 18 months prior to release. This session will address how service providers can be engaged in the pre-release phase to ensure that programs are available the moment an offender leaves the institution.

TRACK 3 — EMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING

Session 3A – Employment in the Institution

Moderator: Eric M. Seleznow, Maryland Department of Economic Development

Presenters: Bob Hunter, Sentencing-to-Service Homes Program, Hennepin County, Minnesota
Steve Kronzer, National Correctional Industries Association

Location: Gold Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

This session will address strategies to provide employment for offenders while they are incarcerated to build skills and improve their employability at the time of release. It also will address employment opportunities “behind the walls” and highlight the Prison Industry Enhancement (PIE) Certification Program .

TRACK 4 — MEASURING AND IMPROVING PROGRAMS

Session 4A – Effective Practices

Moderator: Thomas MacLellan, National Governors Association

Presenters: Valerie Boykin, Juvenile Reintegration and Aftercare Center
Kermit Humphries, National Institute of Corrections
Dennis Maloney, Balanced and Restorative Justice

Location: Superior Room (Lower Lobby, First Floor)

Presenters in this session will discuss the importance of promoting and incorporating evidence-based practices in all phases of program implementation. The session will focus on enhancing your program efforts in contributing to a national body of knowledge of best practices in the field of reentry.

TRACK 5 — PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY

Session 5A – Comprehensive Approaches to Reentry

Moderator: Mike Jamison, National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Presenters: Judge John Surbeck, Allen County Reentry Court, Indiana
Dave Leitenberger, Richland County Reentry Court, Ohio
True-See Allah, Boston Reentry Initiative

Location: Palace Ballroom East (Wyndham Hotel, Level Two)

This session will provide examples of comprehensive approaches to reentry and community safety. The presentation will highlight the Fort Wayne, Indiana; Richland County, Ohio; and Boston, Massachusetts Reentry Initiatives. These programs are community-wide projects that involve the collaborative efforts of social service providers, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, and other local agencies to prevent recidivism through comprehensive transitional resources and increased monitoring.

TRACK 6 — HOUSING AND ITS CHALLENGES

Session 6A – Transition Planning and Prevention of Homelessness

Moderator: Patricia Carlile, Office of Special Needs Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Presenters: Chris Fay, Eisenhower Foundation
Nancy Howard, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Rhode Island

Location: Palace Ballroom West (Wyndham Hotel, Level Two)

A significant portion of the homeless population is composed of persons leaving prisons, jails, and mental institutions. Homelessness is affected by factors that cut across Federal agencies, including housing costs, job readiness, education, substance abuse, and mental health. This workshop will highlight innovative partnerships to end chronic homelessness among the reentering population.

TRACK 7 — PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

Session 7A – Continuity of Services

Moderator: Kenneth Robertson, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Presenters: Foster Cook, University of Alabama
Peter Dougherty, Veterans Employment and Training, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Joan Gillece, Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center

Location: Whitehall Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

Screening, assessment, referral, and follow-up among corrections and public and private service providers are critical to a successful reentry program. This session will focus on how agencies and organizations can work together to maximize scarce resources and services for individuals with multiple challenges. Practical methods in case management will be discussed.

TRACK 8 — LEVERAGING RESOURCES AND PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY

Session 8A – Leveraging Funds: The Basics

Moderator: Nelson Hernandez, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: Oscar Grant, Consultant
Rick Guzman, Illinois Department of Corrections
Michael Zagury, Neptune Police Department, New Jersey

Location: Bush Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

This session will provide an overview of available funding opportunities and give specific examples for accessing and leveraging them.

TRACK 9 — SPECIAL TOPICS

Session 9A – Managing the Transition of Sex Offenders

Moderator: Tom Talbot, Center for Effective Public Policy

Presenters: Kurt Bumby, Center for Effective Public Policy
Mark Chaffin, University of Oklahoma
Mary Coffee, Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Location: Van Aken Room (Conference Level, Fourth Floor)

The transition of adult and juvenile sex offenders from prison back to the community is a complex and sensitive issue. Understanding the impact that sex offenders have on a community is critical to their successful transition as well as to community safety.

BREAKOUT SESSION: Monday, September 20, 2004, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

TRACK 1 — REENTRY AND ITS REALITIES FOR PRISONERS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND VICTIMS

Session 1B – Offenders Returning to the Community

Moderator: Daniel Corle, Family and Youth Services Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Presenters: Judith McBride, Family Justice, Inc.
John Jeffries, Former Director, National H.I.R.E. Network
Joanne Page, The Fortune Society

Location: Severance Room (Conference Level, Fourth Floor)

While incarcerated, prisoners undergo emotional and psychological changes that can impact how they view themselves and others when reentering a community. This session will address the returning offender's mindset at the time of release, its potential impact on the community and the family, and provide strategies to assist the offender in adjusting to life on the outside.

TRACK 2 — PLANNING FOR TRANSITION

Session 2B – Planning for Transition

Moderator: Mario Paparozzi, University of North Carolina-Pembroke

Presenters: Valerie Boykin, Juvenile Reintegration and Aftercare Center
Blake Norton, Boston Police Department, Massachusetts
Doug Britton, Doug Britton Books

Location: Ambassador Ballroom (Lobby Level, Second Floor)

A comprehensive reentry plan is crucial to the returning offender's successful transition from prison to the community. The development of realistic reintegration plans that anticipate and present solutions to challenges will be discussed during this session.

TRACK 3 — EMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING

Session 3B – Gaining and Keeping a Job

Moderator: Richard Morris, Office of Youth Services, U.S. Department of Labor

Presenters: B. Diane Williams, Safer Foundation
Rodney Carroll, Welfare to Work
Yalanda McFadgon, Ready 4 Work

Location: Gold Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

Career development services, job searches, resume writing, and telephone and interviewing skills can equip returning offenders with the necessary tools to make a smooth transition from prison into the job market. This session will highlight comprehensive approaches to training and employment services.

TRACK 4 — MEASURING AND IMPROVING PROGRAMS

Session 4B – Innovative Approaches to Program Assessment and Evaluation

Moderator: Betsi Griffith, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: Roger Pryzbylski, RKC Group
Jim Zepp, Justice Research and Statistics Association

Location: Superior Room (Lower Lobby, First Floor)

Designing data collection and documentation procedures and implementing methodologies is crucial to program evaluation. This session will provide a basic primer for practitioners to define what constitutes program “success” as well as innovative ways to measure that success. Presenters will offer strategies to capitalize on local, regional, public, and private resources for fostering evaluation partnerships.

TRACK 5 — PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY

Session 5B – Post-release Supervision Methods and Strategies

Moderator: Gary Hinzman, Iowa Department of Correctional Services

Presenters: David Gamble, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
Sheila Hudson, Allen County Reentry Court, Indiana

Location: Palace Ballroom East (Wyndham Hotel, Level Two)

This session will provide an overview of post-release supervision methods and strategies, including drug testing, electronic monitoring, and graduated sanctions.

TRACK 6 — HOUSING AND ITS CHALLENGES

Session 6B – Housing and Services as the Keys to Successful Transitions for Ex-offenders

Presenters: Alison Recca-Ryan, Corporation for Supportive Housing
Francine Williams, Policy Research Associates

Location: Palace Ballroom West (Wyndham Hotel, Level Two)

To be successful, jurisdictions need a multi-year plan to end homelessness among ex-offenders that relies on developing an adequate supply of housing with support services. Communities can take immediate steps to improve the lives of returning inmates and their housing outcomes. This workshop will consider strategies to assess housing needs, prepare an inventory of housing options, and match inmates to existing housing. Challenges to housing access will be addressed, including felony convictions, co-occurring disorders, community opposition, and funding. Reentry housing projects will be examined as they reflect promising practices to improve community adjustment and tenure.

TRACK 7 — PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

Session 7B – Confronting the Risk of Relapse After Release

Moderator: Kenneth Robertson, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Presenters: Mark Bondeson, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio
Kevin Knight, Texas Christian University
Anthony Delgadillo, Victory Outreach International

Location: Whitehall Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

The risk of relapse into the use of substances is very real for offenders dealing with the stress of living outside the prison walls. Various situations and issues can trigger relapse. This session will provide effective practices and strategies that can anticipate and treat relapse behavior.

TRACK 8 — LEVERAGING RESOURCES AND PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY

Session 8B – Leverage Resources by Forming Effective Alliances

Moderator: Nelson Hernandez, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: Sylvia Oberle, Center for Community Safety
Roy Priest, National Congress for Community Economic Development
Joe Mollner, Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Location: Bush Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

Working creatively with other initiatives can yield huge benefits. Collaborating with other key initiatives can work to increase the likelihood that adult and juvenile offenders will successfully transition from prison to home.

TRACK 9 — SPECIAL TOPICS

Session 9B – Challenges Faced by American Indians and Alaska Natives

Moderator: Barbara Mendenhall, California State University, Sacramento

Presenters: Rick Thomas, Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska
Ray Perales

Location: Van Aken Room (Conference Level, Fourth Floor)

Reentry poses many challenges for special populations, including American Indians and Alaska Natives, impacting both juvenile and adult populations. Individuals are being returned to high-risk environments – in both remote and urban communities – lacking transportation, professional treatment, culturally appropriate services, and peer and family support networks. This session will provide attendees with examples and techniques on how Federal, tribal, State, and local jurisdictions can benefit native populations by enhancing lines of communication, collaborating on issues involving supervision and treatment services, and sharing resources.

BREAKOUT SESSION: Tuesday, September 21, 2004, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

TRACK 1 — REENTRY AND ITS REALITIES FOR PRISONERS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND VICTIMS

Session 1C – Fathers Reuniting with Their Children

Moderator: Michael Carrington, White House Task Force for Faith-based and Community Initiatives, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: Garry A. Mendez, Jr., National Trust for the Development of African-American Men
Joseph T. Jones, Center for Fathers, Families, and Workforce Development
Pat Nolan, Prison Fellowship Ministries

Location: Severance Room (Conference Level, Fourth Floor)

Men who are incarcerated have been labeled as fathers who have no interest in their children and who have been and continue to be bad fathers. This session will focus on issues that incarcerated fathers contend with and strategies to assist them in reunifying with their families.

TRACK 2 — PLANNING FOR TRANSITION

Session 2C – Accessing Benefits

Moderator: Cheri Nolan, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: Grant Collins, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Allen Taylor, Veterans Employment and Training, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Victoria West, Office of Operations, Social Security Administration
Harriet Kornegay, Food Stamp Program, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Location: Ambassador Ballroom (Lobby Level, Second Floor)

Accessing resources and coordinating services at the time of release can reduce the risk of relapse and/or recidivism. This session will provide an overview of Federal benefits and how to access them from the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (TANF), Agriculture (food stamps), and Veterans Affairs (veterans benefits), as well as the Social Security Administration (SSI/SSA).

TRACK 3 — EMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING

Session 3C – Making Work “Work” for Released Offenders

Moderator: Gregg Weltz, Office of Youth Services, U.S. Department of Labor

Presenters: Ed Butler, YouthBuild USA
Dennis Torbett, Home Builders Institute
Monica Langham, King TeleServices

Location: Gold Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration works to implement local strategies, incentives, and interventions that can make a difference in employment outcomes for ex-offenders returning to the job market. This session will focus on court-involved youth and highlights the workforce/justice partnership in meeting the multiple needs of youthful offenders.

TRACK 4 — MEASURING AND IMPROVING PROGRAMS

Session 4C – Improving Your Program Through Partnerships with City and County Agencies

Moderator: Don Murray, National Association of Counties

Presenters: Bob Hunter, Sentencing-to-Service Homes Program, Hennepin County, Minnesota
Brian Mattson, Jefferson County Division of Children, Youth, and Families, Colorado
Nicole Maharaj, U.S. Conference of Mayors

Location: Superior Room (Lower Lobby, First Floor)

Reentry issues are often led by State Departments of Corrections. However, reentry is an issue that also happens at the city and county level. Officials need to work together at all levels to provide support services to returning offenders. This session will highlight the reentry efforts underway in several cities and counties.

TRACK 5 — PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY

Session 5C – The Role of Law Enforcement

Moderator: John Firman, International Association of Chiefs of Police

Presenters: Rusty York, Fort Wayne Police Department, Indiana
Jim Bueermann, Redlands Police Department, California
Blake Norton, Boston Police Department, Massachusetts

Location: Palace Ballroom East (Wyndham Hotel, Level Two)

The role of local law enforcement in reentry is an important one. This session will provide participants with innovative community policing practices that focus on returning offenders as a crime prevention strategy.

TRACK 6 — HOUSING AND ITS CHALLENGES

Session 6C – Access to Affordable and Transitional Housing

Moderator: Larry Goodmar

Presenters: Peter Dougherty, Veterans Employment and Training, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Rick Taylor

Location: Palace Ballroom West (Wyndham Hotel, Level Two)

Finding and keeping a job, staying sober, and not engaging in criminal activity can be significantly impacted by where an offender lives. Securing affordable and safe housing for the returning offender is critical to his success and the safety of the community to which he returns. This session will highlight innovative strategies that will inform participants about what the Federal Government can and cannot do in finding housing for returning offenders.

TRACK 7 — PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

Session 7C – Assessing and Screening Co-occurring Disorders

Presenters: Joyce Burrell, American Institutes for Research
Roger Peters, University of South Florida
Joseph Schmitz, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Cincinnati, OH

Location: Whitehall Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

This presentation will examine challenges and advances in the field related to co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders among adult and juvenile populations. There will be a focus on screening tools and turning knowledge into practice.

TRACK 8 — LEVERAGING RESOURCES AND PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY

Session 8C – Faith- and Community-based Partnerships

Moderator: Patrick Purtill, White House Task Force for Faith-based and Community Initiatives,
U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: True-See Allah, Boston Reentry Initiative, Massachusetts
Brent Orrell, Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives, U.S. Department of Labor

Location: Bush Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

This session will guide participants through the process of involving local faith institutions that are uniquely positioned to deliver to ex-offenders and their family members mentoring support, job training, and other vital reintegration services within the neighborhood.

TRACK 9 — SPECIAL TOPICS

Session 9C – Issues in Rural Communities

Moderator: Thomas N. Faust, National Sheriffs' Association

Presenters: Steve Gibson, Montana Department of Corrections
Allan Laird, Private Industry Council
Jack Rogers, West Virginia Public Defender Services

Location: Van Aken Room (Conference Level, Fourth Floor)

This session will address the issue of resource availability for returning offenders in rural areas. Barriers to meeting the service needs of this population include lack of public transportation and treatment facilities.

BREAKOUT SESSION: Tuesday, September 21, 2004, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

TRACK 1 — REENTRY AND ITS REALITIES FOR PRISONERS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND VICTIMS

Session 1D – The Role of Crime Victims

Moderator: John Gillis, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: Thomas J. Quinn, Colorado Judicial Department
William Stutz, Washington State Department of Corrections
Shelly Nichols, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Location: Severance Room (Conference Level, Fourth Floor)

The successful reentry of offenders into the community requires collaboration and commitment from literally anyone concerned about public safety, as well as a commitment to ensuring that victims' rights are consistently enforced and victim services are consistently provided. This session will highlight promising practices and strategies that address victims' rights, needs, and concerns when offenders are released into the community.

TRACK 2 — PLANNING FOR TRANSITION

Session 2D – Coping with Liberty

Moderator: James Austin, George Washington University

Presenters: Garry A. Mendez, Jr., National Trust for the Development of African-American Men
Derrick Mitchell, Derrick's Photography
Rick Guzman, Illinois Department of Corrections
Anthony Burton, North Lawndale Employment Network

Location: Ambassador Ballroom (Lobby Level, Second Floor)

Many released offenders have difficulty coping with their newfound liberty. This difficulty or inability to cope places them at risk for relapse or criminal behavior. This session will discuss issues around social connectedness and how to assist the offender with freedom.

TRACK 3 — EMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING

Session 3D – Rebuilding Young Lives

Moderator: Thomas Murphy, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: John Magary, Communities in Schools
Dennis Torbert, Home Builders Institute
John Doles

Location: Gold Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

This session will describe comprehensive approaches and highlight programs that address the needs of youthful offenders. The session will focus on alternative educational learning environments, basic literacy, and numeric skills for youth in the juvenile justice system.

TRACK 4 — MEASURING AND IMPROVING PROGRAMS

Session 4D – Leveraging Policy, Practices, and Technology for Successful Reentry Programs

Moderator: Patrick McCreary, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: Joseph D. Lehman, Washington State Department of Corrections
Christine Mitchell, Utah Department of Corrections
Richard Morris, Office of Youth Services, U.S. Department of Labor

Location: Superior Room (Lower Lobby, First Floor)

Management Information Systems (MIS) are critical to the smooth operation of a reentry program. This session will provide an understanding of key MIS components and important issues associated with creating an MIS that truly supports program needs. This session will also highlight mechanisms that need to be in place to support information.

TRACK 5 — PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY

Session 5D – The Role of Probation and Parole

Moderator: Thomas Carter, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice

Presenters: Judge John Surbeck, Allen County Reentry Court, Indiana
Mark S. Hoover, Consultant
Mario Paparozzi, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
Angela Marshall

Location: Palace Ballroom East (Wyndham Hotel, Level Two)

Changes in parole and probation systems and practices over the last decade impact how returning offenders are supervised by these entities. The role of parole and probation in post-release supervision will be addressed during this session. Collaborating with parole authorities to launch practical new supervision strategies to reduce recidivism will also be discussed.

TRACK 6 — HOUSING AND ITS CHALLENGES

Session 6D – Meeting the Challenges of Juvenile and Youthful Offender Reentry

Moderator: Joanne Page, The Fortune Society

Presenters: Becky Hayes Boober, Maine Department of Corrections
Jennifer Murphy, Polk County Decategorization Project, Iowa

Location: Palace Ballroom West (Wyndham Hotel, Level Two)

This session will address the issues around youthful offenders aging out of the foster care system and the problems they face regarding housing and other issues. Innovative and effective practices to address this challenge will be offered.

TRACK 7 — PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

Session 7D – Strategies for Accessing Health Benefits

Moderator: Roberto Hugh Potter, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Presenters: Allen Taylor, Veterans Employment and Training, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Ken Brown, Social Security Administration

Location: Whitehall Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

This session will provide an overview of health management models and strategies for dealing with returning offenders who suffer from infectious diseases. Presenters will discuss access to medical benefits and treatment.

TRACK 8 — LEVERAGING RESOURCES AND PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY

Session 8D – Making the Connection Between Weed and Seed and Reentry

Moderator: Joseph Wainscott, U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of Indiana

Presenters: Wayne Rawlins, Consultant
Olgen Williams, Indianapolis Weed and Seed
Dan Drake, U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of Georgia

Location: Bush Room (Mezzanine Level, Third Floor)

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office manages the Weed and Seed Program, a community-based, multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration. Merging resources, coordinating efforts, and collaborating with reentry will provide Weed and Seed sites with the necessary resources and monitoring techniques to successfully accept ex-offenders back into the community.

TRACK 9 — SPECIAL TOPICS

Session 9D – Innovative Programs for Female Offenders

Moderator: Roberta Richman, Rhode Island Department of Corrections

Presenters: Geanie Kase, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise
Kathy Lambert, Connections to Success

Location: Van Aken (Conference Level, Fourth Floor)

Innovative programs that promote and support the issues faced by women and girls returning to the community from prison will be discussed during this session. Presenters will provide participants with an overview of services that are available and how practitioners can access them for their female clients.